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Sir:

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Japanese Laid Open Publication No 62-129639 appears to disclose an air conditioner having sensors to control a room humidity as well as a room temperature. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

International Patent Publication No. WO 03/046441 appears to disclose a humidity control apparatus. The corresponding European Patent Application No. 1 450 113 is also attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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		Country Code* - Number* - Kind Code* (If known)			
		JP-62-129639-A	06-11-1987	Umezu	No
		JP-06-101894-A	04-12-1994	Nakayama	Yes
		JP-08-178399-A	07-12-1996	Kayano	Yes
		JP-2002-323251-A	11-08-2002	Nagao	Yes
		JP-2003-161465-A	06-06-2003	Yabu	Yes
		JP-2004-069257-A	03-04-2004	Ikegami	Yes
		JP-2004-353887-A	12-16-2004	Ikegami	Yes
		WO-03-046441-A1	06-05-2003	Yabu	No
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